

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 1635

In re PATENT Application of

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U.S. Serial No. 09/700,906

Examiner: Schultz

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ANTISENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIDES FOR TREATMENT OF

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PETITION FOR THREE MONTHS EXTENSION

Hon. Asst. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please consider this paper a petition for a three month extension from the due date of October 3, 2003, based on the Final Office Action mailed July 3, 2003. Enclosed is the required petition fee of \$950. If this fee is missing or deficient, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to our deposit account No. 50-687 under Order No. 62661. Applicants filed concurrently with this petition a Continuation Application claiming priority to the present application. This petition is being filed to maintain pendency between the present application and the Continuation Application.

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